Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mark 9: 23.

Dr. E. B. King
15 b Fifth Ave
New York, N.Y.

Fairbanks Ala

Ship ahoy - mate - some country and some real people. This is far exceeding any prayer for it is - well - grand! Last - night they had a reception for us and the dining hall was full. We have been out - to the University and will be out - there to help in a 4-H extention program (in an unofficial way). Andrew Nerland a fine helper. Kindest regards to the force -

Sincerely
Army & Navy.

FAIRBANKS ALASKA
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Faurbanks, Alaska
June 18, 1940.

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr.:

Greetings from the Northland! We are settled and ready for business. This is a wonderful place. The country, people, church, and everything put together makes this spot probably one of the most remarkable places on earth. Everyone has been so kind that there are no words or enough adjectives to express the hospitality with which we have been accepted into this melting pot.

After a wonderful trip with the Crawfords and Arthurs we were met as per schedule by Bingle. He had traveled down to his ol old stamping ground at Cordova and met Crawford and introduced them to their leaders and people. Bingle gave Dave some mighty good advice. I will recommend him for the chair of pratical theology anytime. Bingle certainly knows Alaska - and Alaska knows him.

We arrived here Friday May 31st. and found the manse completely cleaned and redecorated. The women took charge of the whole procedure and ordered that the kitchen, dining room, living room, one bed room, and bathroom be pinted and redecorated. They then bought an overstuffed and an occasiojal chair, and a beautiful Duncan Phyfe wall table. This last week one of the women took the old couch and covered it to make it look like new. Rest assured that the folks are making us comfortable and we find that our first manse is quite a joy.

We certainly are thankful when we realize that you were guided to think of us in connection with Fairbanks. We will ever be greatful to you for this wonderful opportunity to serve Christ.

On the Tuesday evening after our arrival the folks of the church gathered in the S. Hall Young Memorial Hall for a pot-luck supper to welcome us. Following the supper different individuals played, sang etc. and we ended by gathering around the piano for an old fashioned sing. This gave us an added opportunity of getting to know the folk.

June 12 the Ladies Aid had their annual Rose Tea and Mrs. Armstrong (still Navy) was the guest of honor. Each of these special occasions have been most expressive of the joy of these folk to have a new pastor and wife.

Thus far I have had five weddings and four funerals. What a record. That is more than I had all the time I was in "America". I think I will have Miss Wolf come up here and give her a standing job of "giver awayer" as no one seemes to have anyone to give away the bride. Tell her applications and qualifications will be acceptable at anytime.

The young people are a sourse of joy. We have a very fine C.E. and Young People's Choir. We had twenty in the choir Sunday night.

The Session and Trustees met together for an unofficial meeting June eighth to get acquainted. The Session met on June 14th. and transacted some business.

1- The young people will preform the janitor work during June, July, and August. The sum of $45.00 will be paid them toward sending young people to the United Protestant Conference at Palmer.
2- It will be the effort of the Session to be informed immiately as to the credit of the church and make effort immiately to close all impending bills.
3- Mr. Andrew Nerland in conjunction with the Pastor will set a satisfactory date when men and women

of the church will meet to clean,wash, and paint the church.

4-Recommendations were made that there would be an active effort on the part of the session to look forwwrd to the painting of the exterior of the church.
5-A motion was passed to have cards printed with an appropriate verse of scripture ~~and~~ also the time of meetiigs at the church. These cards will be placed in the hotel lobbies snd boarding houses, also in the Army base camps and dormatories.

I feel that this is a step in the right direction. The men are most cooperative and business like in their meetings. I know thst they will do some astonishing things after they get into the fall program.

Dick Zehnder ,who trucked in our household goods, just came in with the truckijg bill. I signed the bill as having received the articles and asked him to bill the Board directly. The rate of transporting was 2 1/4 cents per pound. This made a total ~~of~~ (Valdez-Fairbanks)run up to $74.18.

Our mimeograph was broken to pieces en transit and they tell me it is hopeless to make claims because of the number of persons handeling the freight. We have borrowed a machien till we can make some arrangements for having the calanders duplicated. The enclosed is a poor sample of what we hope to have. If you have any mission material on mimeograph paper, that can be used we will be glad to use it.

The Children's Day offering was 13.99. That seemes very good to me. I hope that this will increase as time goes on.

With kindest regards,
Very sincerely,

Army
R.Rolland Armstrong.

When will we see Kleekopers of St. Barrow?
We are ready for them if they come
this way.

"Reaching the Unreached"

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Sunday, July 28,1940.

Prelude - "Summer Reverie".....Lorjussen.
The Approach and Prayer for Divine Aid.
(The people standing.)
Minister: The Lord is in His Holy Temple
People: Let all the earth keep silence before Him.
Minister: Lord, open Thou our lips.
People: And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.
Gloria Patri: Congregation and Choir.
The Service of Confession.
Minister: The sacrifices of God are a Broken spirit.
People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
Prayer concluded by Lord's Prayer.
-Led by Miss Shirley Fravel.
Reading of the Psalm: Psalm 91.
Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour." #257.
Verses 1,4 and 5.
Prayer and Choral Response.
Solo - "Lamp of My Feet." Mrs. Roland Warner, of Palmer.
The Offering.
The Offertory - "Sunday Morning", Heller.
Doxology.
Prayer of Presentation.
Scripture ; Matthew 6:8-24.
Read by Mr. Anderson
Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." #196.
Sermon: "On to Prayer." Matthew 7:7-8.
Hymn: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." #167.
Silent Prayer.
Benediction and Choral Response.
Postlude - "Sarabande." -Handel.

"THE LORD IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The young people of the church invite you to meet with them this evening for an hour of discussion. Miss Marion Fravel is tonights leader. Come and join us at 6:30 P.M.

EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND HYMN SING.

The meditation tonight will be, "AM I A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS."

CHURCH PICNIC, THURSDAY, AUGUST 1,1940.

All departments of the church are invited to attend this time of recreation and fellowship. Transportation will be furnished. There will be two trips to the picnic grounds. The first bus will leave at 9 o'clock. The second bus will leave here at 11 o'clock.

AMERICAN WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

A meeting will be held next Tuesday, July 30, at 2 p.m. at the library, to discuss interest in organizing a unit of the American Women's Voluntary Service. For further details please see the News-Minor, Saturday, July 27.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We are glad to have you with us.

"CHRISTIANITY THRIVES - IN RUSSIA."

"The country is more Christian now than ever before. Do you think that men defeat God? Does the Church consist of buildings - or of a community of people? Russia never has had such fellowship among the believers as she has now. ...."All the believers are closely united. Sectarians, such as Baptist, Evangelicals, and others. Old Believers, and even Mohammedans, pray together in the same church but at different times. They have their own altars, each in different corner of the church. Holy Communion is given to all."

-"Monday Morning", May 1940.

IF THIS IS YOUR HOME THIS IS YOUR CHURCH -

I BELIEVE IN PEOPLE.

Archer Wallace

A party of explorers once landed on an island in the frozen north, and accidently set fire to some stunted vegetation that scantily clothed the uninhabitable place. Probably no fire had burned there for centuries. When the sailors returned some time later they found scores of young silver-birch trees growing. The flames had awakened slumbering seeds which had been held in close grip of the icy cold. There are, likewise, great possibilities slumbering in men's souls that can be awakened by the spirit of God. That is the basis and justification for missionary endeavor and the hope for the future.

. . . . . .

A lady missionary was giving a Bible lesson in a zenana. In the midst of the most interesting portion one of the Hindu ladies deliberately got up and went out. After a while she came back and listened more intently than ever. At the close the missionary asked her why she went out -- wasn't she interested?.....'Oh, yes, I was so interested in the wonderful things you were saying that I went out to ask your carriage driver whether you lived it at home. He said you did, so I came back to listen again.'

- Christ at the Round Table.

THE WORLD IS OUR PARISH - SEND THEM OUT!

YOUR CHURCH has over 1242 foreign missionaries! "The fields are white. The Church in this Country holds the answer." -Board Report.

Aug 8, 1940

Miss Helen Wolf
156 5th Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Wolf.

The last report has been ready for the "finishing touches" for two weeks. It will be ready by the end of this week.

The Taggarts spent three days here and seemed to enjoy themselves. The Martin Andersons of Denver

just. left. They are fine folk - so you can tell EBK that. They were taken into our plans.

We are swamped with visitors and have been in the midst of having some of the church redecorated - getting it cleaned for your visit.

Regards to all the friends at. 156 -

Sincerely

R R Armstrong.

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON? ALASKAN MISSIONS. recd Sept 1940

Report of R.Rolland Armstrong Presbyterian Church,Fairbanks,

These past months have been months of adjustments. It has been a glorious experience to be here during the summer that we might get our feet on the ground before the fall sets in and the program for the church year goes into full swing.

The month of June was devoted largely to visitation,young people's work and instituting the Vacation Bible School.

I have found that a great many people have been away during the summer months. Repeated failures in making connections terminated in my giving up the plan of going through the church roll alphabetically. I have been visiting some of the new people who have been coming into town and reaching some of the folk who are unable to get out to church.

The young people's work has progressed . The majority of our young people are young men. They have created their own program and are following a Bible Study method of approach to meet their own needs. During the June- July period the young people had a picnic,and held devotions around the camp fire. Twenty two were present at the picnic. The usual meetings run between thirteen and eighteen. During this period the young people took over the janitor work of the church that they might send several of the young people to the King's Lake United Protestant Young People's Conference.

The report of the Vacation Bible overlaps the two reports therefore I will incorporate it in one statement.

After several days of study of the situation we felt that even late in the summer we could well afford to call a group of leaders together that we might give the young people a Vacation Bible School. The leaders came from various departments of the church. We had two school teachers who were experts in the field of primary and junior work. One young woman from Seattle Pacific College helping with the Junior High and High school ages. Three young women who were products of the church,who taught three other groups of children. There were volenteers to help in the primary work and in other departments so we had some fine workers to help.

The average attendence for the school was 56 plus. The school grew as the first week terminated. The second week attendence was very consistant. Seventy six (76) were enrolled during the school.

The closing program of the school was held July27th. The primary and beginners sang songs, gave poems, and had a little play. The Juniors had their own program. Some of this group told parables in their own words, together they gave their memory work and sang some hymns. The Intermediates and Seniors integrated their work into a rapid survey of the old Testament and New Testament characters in a pageant called "The Bible Speaks."

JUNE * JULY R.Rolland Armstrong.
JULY * AUGUST

During the period of the Vacation Bible School, Mrs. Armstrong prepared lunch for the faculty and we had that time together to discuss our problems,plan for the next day, and have our own devotions. It was during this period that we came closest together.

The theme of the school was "THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MY HEART". The theme for the morning worship was "PRAYER". Each member of the faculty carried out his or her part of this theme. Each of us also took our part of the habit stories. The stories, integrated handwork, and memory work all had a direct bearing on the selected theme for the two weeks of school.

It is only right that I pay tribute to the work of the young women who so faithfully participated in the formation and carrying out of the program.

The Yukon Presbytery has talked of placing a tak on Cubbage and myself because of our activities in the marriage business. Are they sore? They want a cut or they are going to talk. During the current two months of this report I have had 12 ceremonies. No wonder that the army base is behind schedule. I have kept track of as many of these couples as possible and have sent them several cards urging that they attend church. Several have come and I am sure that the winter months will see others finding their way here.

The new Episcopal vicar is in town. He is Mr.Elson Elridge of Boston. A reception was held for them and Mrs. Armstrong and myself attended. It is good to know that they are here. They seem to be very nice and will fill a real need within the community. We have also had a visit from Bishop John B. Bentley of Nenana. Bishop Bentley is interested in the work of our church in the territory and I am sure will cooperate with the commity plan for the United Protestant Youth Conference next year.

During the last month there was held a joint meeting of the elders,deacons, and trustees. At this meeting we discussed the plans for the year 1940-41. We did not have the Plan Book but tried to meet our own need. Since our meeting the Plan Book has arrived and the session will consider our program in the light of the suggested program for the church at large. A rough outline on the following page will give a bird-eye view of the proposed measures to take place this year.

We are thrilled with Fairbanks and know that we have been led to this place. Back some years ago I remember some of the summer students returning to Princeton telling of the conditions in the mining camps. After hearing some of the stories I said "Lord, deliver me from a mining camp." Fairbanks is probably the largest gold mining camp in the world. There is only one thing I can say,"Thanks,Lord,I'm glad you have sent me into a mining camp!"

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

For Child! For Youth! For Adult!

For Community

For Youth

HE IS BUILDING OUR CHURCH.

Presbyterian Church
Seventh and Cushman Street.
R. Rolland Armstrong, Minister.
"The Lord is Worthy to be Praised"

10:00—Church Schol. Classes for all ages. Members of the Sunday Schol and those in the community who are interested in Vacation Bible are asked to report at the church promptly at 9 o'clock Monday morning for the first session.

11:00—Morning Worship:
Prelude — "Prayer of Elizabeth." Wagner-Lang.
Offertory — "Psalm-Stader.
Sermon: "Christian Education and Evangelism". A message on the church's part in organizing and reorganizing life.
Postlude — "Hymn" Richter.

6:30—Christian Endeavor. Jim Wilson will lead the forum.

7:30—Evening Devotions.
The installation of the C.E. officers will take place at the evening service with an impressive dedication of lifes to the service of Christ. This service will be introductory to a young people's message on "Youth Speaks for Christ."

9:00—Vacation Bible School opens at the church Monday at 9 o'clock. All children and young people are invited to attend this scholo.

"Sunday is not Saturday or any other day of the week. It is 'the Lord's day' — a day for Christian worship. . . . We may as well face the truth: we cannot misuse a dey set aside for worship and maintain the glow of our religion. The culture of the spirit is essential if man's spirit is to develop and grow." — From "Today."

• Dedicated to Youth •

BOYS GIRLS

COMMUNITY
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK
• HEAR *Bible Stories*
• SING *Hymns - Songs*
• STUDY *Bible Lessons*
• PLAY *Games - Ball*

• Presbyterian Church •

Bible School Program Set For Tonight

Students Will Present Recitations and Pageant in Presbyterian Church

Closing program of the Fairbanks Vacation Bible School is set for 8 o'clock tonight in the Presbyterian Church, with all parents and friends of students invited.

Included on the program will be verse and prose recitations by preschool children taught by Miss Leona Hukee, memory work by students of Miss Katherine Boswell, and a pageant, "The Bible Speaks," by members of classes taught by Miss Shirley Fravel, Miss Muriel DeLong, and Miss Bonnie Martin.

A picnic for the Vacation Bible School will be held tomorrow, beginning at 9 o'clock. The church picnic is set for Thursday, August 1, when the Ladies Aid Society, Sunday School, and church members will participate.

55 Enrolled In Vacation Bible School

Pupils Range from 4 to 14 Years Old, and Staff of Instructors Is Excellent

Fifty-five are enrolled in the Community Vacation Bible School which opened Monday in the Presbyterian church.

The first day the enrollment was 51. This was increased Tuesday to the present number.

The ages of the pupils range from 4 to 14 years.

The faculty members include the Rev. Rolland R. Armstrong, pastor of the Presbyterian church; Miss Catherine Boswell, Miss Leone Hukka, Miss Barbara Lake, Miss Marian Fravel, Miss Bonnie Martin, Miss Shirley Fravel and Miss Muriel De Long.

The school will continue daily except Saturdays and Sundays until the closing time, Friday evening, July 26.

The church picnic will be held Saturday, July 27.

PROPOSED PROGRAM OF THE FAIRBANKS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(Subject to final action by the Session)

I. To take definite steps to raise the spiritual level of the church through the use of.
   A. Bible Study Groups.
      (1) Fall Course -"This World's Goods." Studies in le adership.
      (2) Spring Course - "SCHOOL FO R CHRISTIAN LIVING."
      (3) Prayer groups and cottage prayer meetings between Bible Study Periods and Seasional events.

   B. Understanding of the Mission task of the Church.
      (1) Discussion groups.
      (2) Useing mission material for worship periods of Church School.
      (3) Setting aside at least one Sunday for Mission emphaasis.
   C. Mother a nd Child groups. A study of the place of Christianity in the lives of parents and children.

   D. Institution of a Junior Church program to induce the use of the Youth Budget Plan.

II. To unify the membership and finances of our Church.
   A. To urge and concentrate upon the enlargment of our church membership through those within our group who ha ve not aligned themselves with this church.
   B. To follow the Gospel comission to go into all the world and preach Christ that souls alienated from God might be saved.
   C. To carry out (with local adap tations)"The Presbyterian Fellowship Committee" plan, laymen's evangelism.
   D. Every member a supporter and every supporter a member.
   E. Cooperating in the World Wide Communion Sunday and in the Sesqui fund.
   F.
III. The organization of a united church through the organization of a Council of Christian Education.

"I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH" **********"HE IS BUILDING OUR CHURCH"

First Presbyterian Church

R. ROLLAND ARMSTRONG, MINISTER

"I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"—Mt. 17:18

MANSE: 703 CUSHMAN STREET

"HE IS BUILDING OUR CHURCH."

Seventh and Cushman Streets, Fairbanks, Alaska

October 3, 1940.

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

Thanks for the word of cheer and encouragement. We wonder often how you are as you swing around the country. Our hearts are ever with you and we love to share your time, even when it is for a few minutes.

No action has been taken on the matter of reducing the Board appropriation. Let me assure you that after we get our books in shape and make a final "clean up" we will seek a reduction. I can almost be sure in saying that it will me more than $100.00. Ainer Tonseth, our treasurer, has been "outside" and has just arrived. We show a small deficite, but collections have picked up and we will wipe out our outstanding obligations this month.

The people are aroused on this manner of self-support. It has come right out in the open during the last three or four months that my struggling Michigan and Kentucky Sunday Schools are helping us. That realy makes the sphinx of finance blink. The young people caught the same spirit at Young People's Conference and came home asking - why - where we are so rich. Something is going to happen. Your letter gives good grounds for immediate action.

Our men's fellowship has its second meeting tonight. They have adopted our basement as their pet project and have already voted to investigate the possibility of finishing it in a suitable way for sunday school and recreational purposes. Everyone seemes to have their field; a school superintendent is chairman of the committee, a garage man has trucks, another knows heat, while another is a carpenter. These men did not realize how much they were needed till they saw the floors, walls, exterior of the buildings etc. so they are realy after the trustees.

We NEED hymn books. Last week we had a congregation that filled the main audotorium. The Sunday School came into the morning service and with the increased attendance we didn't have enough books with which to worship. Now watch it - here I am asking again. How can we get some new Presbyterian "Hymnals"? I sure can spend that Alaska

nest-egg - if someone hasn't already got their hands on it. Now you could make a proposition couldn't you?

The University work is going in fine shape. First, we were able to make alterations in the bus and meal schedule to allow the faculty and students to get back on campus before lunch. Busses leave "The College" arriving in town at 10 o'clock and 10:45. A bus leaves Fairbanks at 12:10 arriving at the college at 12:25,and lunch is at 12:30.

To enlarge this work the local Episcopal man and myself have been instrumental in locating some folk on campus who are interested in discussions and "bull" sessions. Last Sunday afternoon they met in a Presbyterian home just off campus (I.M.C.Anderson) and formed a guiding committee for an all campus group to be known as the Denalai Fellowship. Denalai means highest, and is used in reference to Mt. Mc.Kinley Whether each member will be known as mountain climbers will remain with the group, but they seem to be willing to get together to explore wome of the questions which comfront them. Dr. Bannell has been wonderful in his own way. We are encouraged by the first steps on campus.

Just two more things for now; The army pilotes have arrived in Fairbanks and right out of a clear sky six or eight of them walked in last Sunday morning. Not only this,but they swelled our C.E. to 29 and stayed for the evening service. They seem to be the top-notchers. Second; the Trustees have hired a young fellow to take over the janitor work and have increased the wage from $15.00 to $25.00.

The question of the presence of the Youels' being in the community has been brought to our attention. They openly say that they have no church and have not had an amicable disposition to the program. For years Mr. Youel preached loyalty to the evening services and never once have either Mr. or Mrs. Youel been present. The spasmotic attendance at morning worship has given rise to some criticism,whether just or not is not to be judged here. I have a great personal respect for the Youel family and want you to understand that these are reactions that have been felt in the congregation. Mr. Youel continues to preform marriages and funerals, as he is requested. Through these things he continues a "representative of the Board of National Missions for Yukon Presbytery", and has given the impression that he has been "promoted" to a better position. There is nothing that can be done without the obvious fact that this criticism has reached your ears. If Mr. Youel can be kept busy, and folks know he is on the Job it will go far toward changing some impressions.

This above situation is not hard on us. Katherine said last evening that it is manifestly harder on them, because they see the spirit with which things are moving. I lay this above paragraph on your desk because I know you want to know the situation as it is!

The Navy sends her regards - adding her wish to be remembered to the entire staff.

Most sincerely yours,

Roscoe Armstrong
"Army"

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Friends:

I would like to have addressed you as "Comrades" for we are companions in the Brotherhood of Christ. The greatest treasure the Church possesses is that we are one under the shadow of the Cross. As comrades we cannot despise one another, for Christ in His own way bound rich and poor, weak and strong to himself through "the fold He built around His Cross."

The words "Comrade", "Companion", seem to fit into the word "Communion", for it means share, unity, agreement. It takes the sharing, unity and complete agreement of Christian fellowship to deepen the meaning of the Lord's Supper. This Supper is the Communion of brotherly love, remembering the work of Christ for us, and bringing to us a consciousness of the Lord's death till He comes.

World Wide Communion is being celebrated on October 6 th. This year many other denominations are enlarging the emphasis of this Sunday by celebrating it on the same day. What a wonderful thing it is in a world so torn asunder by petty fears and jealousies to stop and worship the Lord Jesus Christ in this way. From Japan and Chosen moves the cup of Christ's blood passing on to India, Iraq, Africa, New York, west of the Mississippi, on to the West Coast, Fairbanks and Point Barrow. There is a sentimental thrill in the fact that Mrs. Klerekoper, wife of our Pt. Barrow missionary, is the daughter of a Chosen missionary who will help to start the day, and his daughter will help to close it.

Those who believe in the power of the Lord to cleanse them from all sin, and who accept Him as their Lord and Saviour, are invited to the Communion Table. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is for all who trust in Him and believe in Him. It is not a ceremony for Presbyterians, but for all those who find in Him their source of eternal life. We invite all to come and to celebrate this Sacrament of Love with us October 6 th.

You are also invited to attend the Family Night - School of Stewardship. It will meet Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, and 13 th. There will be a Pot Luck supper for those who enjoy such fellowship and the study classes begin at 7:10, dismissing at 8:00. A nursery will be maintained in the manse for your children during the study hour.

Please detatch the communion registration card and place it in the offering plate.

Faithfully yours,

Rolland Armstrong.

Dear Mother and Dad:-

It takes a long time for these little boots to grow into adult shoes. Are you sure that your ideas are growing along with the baby?

The steps get longer and longer, and again we ask you have you made the same strides in your daily living? Have you grown in knowledge and in Christian faith as you have grown in stature?

"The Christian faith is not a stagnant religion which can do only so much for its followers and then stops short. Its strength lies partly in the fact that it is an ever enlarging religion, giving always more and more to those who seek out its truths."

You live in the hope that your child has a future! To bring about that future in a definite way you have promised before God to be loving and faithful "as long as we both shall live". You have added to this in the baptism of your child "to instruct your child in the principles of our holy religion, as contained in the Scriptures, to pray with him and for him, and to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Let me congratulate you in bringing the fruitage of your marriage to the altar of god - dedicating your child to the service of God's kingdom.

Our constant prayer is that you will not stop with these vows, but will daily find the deepness of their meaning through the days of together as a family joined together in God.

God has given you the task of leading the steps of your child through perilous ways. We are sure that you have already found that only the constant vigil of your lives can direct the course of the tiny feet. We are told that the most impressionable years of a child's life are between birth and two years of age. This is the time that parents are most apt to abandon themselves. They think that later they will cultivate habits which will influence their child. Certainly the child does not remember what goes on in the home during those early years, but baby learns (just as we all do) to expect certain attitudes and reacts to them. Later in life as the boots become shoes they tread paths, wondering why they follow certain tendencies. Let us be watchful of ourselves in these early years of life. Let us cover the ground with baby, by attending to prayer, the Bible, and Church.

Next Sunday will be Rally Day. Your children will see new teachers. Rally Day will be a new era of religious developement for these young hearts. A special morning worship will begin at 11:00 o'clock, for you and the children. The sermon will be "Parents, Our Guardian Angels". Start covering ground with the children by making this a Rally Day for the entire family looking forward to new relationships through the fellowship of your church.

Faithfully yours,
Rolland Armstrong.
Your Pastor.

Sunday School 10:00
Rally Day Service 11:00

Presbytery of Yukon Alaska

R. Roland Armstrong
October 16, 1940

We have closed another period of church history for interior Alaska and turned to new horizons for Fairbanks. From all indications we are safe in reporting that formal action is near to cut our Board appropriation 20% per cent with a strong sentiment to try to make it 30%. To those who know the history of this mission point this will be news (that as soon as it is official) in addition to the above plan the educational plant is now undergoing improvement that will cost an estimated $350 to $450. The basement of the church has been partially finished. The floor was laid in around some years ago by the public school authorities for use of the building. The remainder of the basement (right under the main auditorium) will be cemented and partitions constructed to give eight class rooms - 800 sq feet of assembly room. The basement has come through the efforts of the

Unanimously decided
we are glad to report that a bus
schedule has been adopted to allow
the students to come in for church.
We have had from ten to fourteen
come in thus far for services. Some
personal contacts have been made
on campus. Recently five letters
were sent out to students of
Presbyterian preference inviting
them to come in for world
wide Communion.

In cooperation with the Epworth
League has been
organized on campus known
as the Denali Fellowship.
Denali means 'highest.' The
group has purchased thus far
in setting a date for a campus
discussion and inviting
Rev Elson Elrod jr and wife
to attend and help in the discussion

World wide communion was
celebrated with 96 folks
present and for the first
time in the history of the church
we saw out of days. Two children
were baptized and 12 admitted

to church membership. The present trend in church attendance leads us to feel that much will be accomplished during this year. We enjoyed knowing we were links in the chain of World Wide Fellowship. At the close of the Communion service we formally passed the cup to Fred and Mrs. Klerekoper ~~for~~ and asked God's blessing on their work.

Our young people's work is filling an unexpected need - the Air Base. Many of the pilots and infantry are rallying round our youth organizations enjoying them and finding friends in the local boys. These men are young and of fine calabra. They openly show their appreciation of our attitude towards them.

We are pulling together and loyal to you our helpers and guides!

"JOIN OUR HAPPY THRONG - "
A Story of Alaska's King's Lake
Young People's Conference.
Katherine and Rolland Armstrong.

"Write when you get home, Bonnie."

"I surely will - and don't you dare start crying now!"

The bus driver felt the power of the motor take hold. A week before this bus had brought a load of strangers into camp, and now now friends were bidding farewell.

"Bonnie is swell," said Jeanne. "If she could come to Cordova we certainly would find lots to do." Virginia and Charlene only nodded approval for the group had started to sing the Conference theme song. Everyone took up the words as the bus gathered momemtum, and the song seemed to leave a benediction on the old camp ground.

Follow, I will follow Thee, my Lord,
Follow every passing day;
My tomorrows are all known to Thee,
Thou wilt lead me all the way.

Bonnie stood watching the conscripted school bus disappear through the trees that arched the winding, muddy road. Seven days ago that bus had meant nothing - now it meant new friends.

"Its been such a grand wee," said Bonnie. Her eyes snapped and her auburn hair flashed in the sun. "Now to get my things together so that we can get on our way. Come on, Shirley and Marion. Where are the Twirps? Have they recovered from their farewells?

Bonnie had left Fairbanks some days before to attend the King's Lake camp. With her had been the Fravel sisters, Shirley and Marion. Their Hight School experiences had brought them into the same Young People's Society, and together they had acted as church janitors for three months to earn money to take them to Young People's Conference. Their earnings totalled more than enough for their own expenses and the Christian Endeavor voted to send "the Twirps" as well. Irene and Mary Belle, with their eighth grade sophistication, rather resented the name given them, and Harold let it be known through his Junior High dignity that he was the only gentleman in the crowd and would conduct himself as one.

Some of these young folks had never before been on the "Railroad Belt" between Fairbanks and Matanuska Valley. Here were 320 miles of adventure and thrills. They saw the river boat and fish wheels at Nenana, the coal seams of Healy, the beautiful new modernistic lodge and station at Mt. McKinley Park, and they looked into the 296 foot depth of Hurricane Gulch.

The second afternoon saw the young people safely at Matanuska. It was a quick trip from the train to the camp. The truck was loaded high with bedrolls and suitcases, and only the sideboards kept the human cargo from spilling into the road.

"Pick your tent! Get your mattress! Build your fire!" This barrage of commands was mixed with greetings from some of the young people who had reached camp the day before. "This is Charlene - and Virginia - and where is Patty - Hey, Jeanne, come over here - this is Jeanne." Jeanne isn't really fat - she is plump and carries her weight with ease. The end of the introductions was a signal to get going on organizing camp. Before long the cots were made up and appetites signaled the approach of supper.

The evening meal found several new faces added to the group. Seward was represented by young folks from the town and from the Jesse Lee Home. The native young folks of Jesse Lee Home and of the government school at Eklutna found fellowship with the young people of Fairbanks, Cordova, Matanuska, and Palmer.

Devotions followed the evening meal, and camp fire was the first opportunity for the group to chat, sing, and get acquainted. The fire glowed brighter as the logs were put in place. The sparks flew upward and seemed to take their place among the stars. It was the soft voice of our eldest leader, Dr. Torbit, which gradually took the thoughts of the various groups and rounded them into one. "Wherever you are, you are in the center of the world. The zenith of the sky is always overhead. If you are in the east, or in the west, or here on the shore of King's Lake - the horizon is out yonder, and the zenith of the sky is overhead."

In such a setting the experiences of Bonnie and Jeanne symbolize the knitting together of hearts. It was happening to other young people. No longer did the camp grounds seem lonesome for folks were calling to one another from the tents in the period which preceded devotions. The oil barrel stoves belched smoke as they were fired to drive off the coolness of the night. The low murmurings within the tents brought realization of Scripture being read, and silently the darkness became more hushed as evening prayers took their steps toward heaven.

"Are you up over there?" A muffled groan was the only indication that the trip of the days before had taken toll. "Beat you down to the lake to clean up for Morning Watch." Long moments passed before the flaps of the tents were thrown back and figures sped down through the brush, meeting the challenge. The last note of the triangular bell found the campers around the tables in readiness for morning worship. As the days passed each group was given a morning for the devotions of the watch. They brought to the entire group a cross section of the talent of their own particular group, and gave to the others a demonstration of the methods used by them in worship services. Each day saw definite steps of progress in the study of worship.

Following breakfast the group met in one of the tents to choose their classes for the week of study. Bonnie and Jeanne studied the schedule to decide whether they would take "Alaska Missions" under Dr. Torbit or "New Testament" under Mrs. Dellinger. The second period was not such a difficult decision for the course on "A Christian Faces Life's Problems" and "Boy and Girl Relationships" were much the same in content. "Stewardship" and "Viewing the Old Testament caused some concern. There was no debate over

the fifteen minute recess, for after looking over the schedule a period of relaxation was to be appreciated. The fourth hour was "Building Our Society, and Recreation." Afternoons were devoted to rest period and recreation. Groups held parties for the rest of the camp. One party was for the primary department and everyone had to dress the part. Other parties were held for juniors, C. E'ers, and finally adults.

With courses picked and registration paid the camp fell into routine. Jeanne could scarcely wait to see Bonnie to compare notes and to check together on what had been gained. "Isn't it perfect? Think of it, we have a whole week together." Bonnie could hardly keep from throwing her arms around her new-found friend. "It is so wonderful to be here where people understand you and try to help you," said Jeanne. "It is all so different."

Again and again the song,"Follow, I will follow Thee my Lord", was sung. It seemed to carry the theme of the Conference into every meeting. It set a goal for those who had given their lives to Christ. There was no doubt that those who had come to Conference without Christ were felling how joyous an experience it was to live for Jesus.

On the next to the last day the home groups met with their leaders for prayer. The faggot service was explained. The leaders told how on the last evening of the camp there would be an opportunity for those who would follow Christ to give themselves to Him. They would step to the campfire, take their faggot from the pile of wood, and place it on the fire as a symbol of their committment to the Lord. During this quiet period an explanation was made of the Communion Service which was to be held the last morning of camp. Here in the presence of home folks problems were talked over and decisions made. There were tears of joy in the eyes of Bonnie's friends when she said that she wanted to give herself to Christ. Shirley, Marion, and Mary Belle thrilled to hear Irene and Harold say that they were ready to take this step of acknowledging Christ. Shirley said, as many others, that now that these friends were won to Christ there must be the winning of others - that this joy must come again and again.

Jeanne was undecided as to her relationship to Christ. "I don't know what to do," she said. "But I do want to know more about all of this." Bonnie put her arm around her friend and together they walked through the woods. Finally they came back into camp and together they sat down and opened the Bible to the third chapter of John.

After days of rain the closing evening was a glorious example of the power of God. The lake was still and quiet, and the flood of moonlight broke the shadow of the evening. Across the water came another light - that from a floating cross lit by candles. Quietly the leader, Dr. Albrecht, a physician from Palmer, led the group in singing, "Brightly beams our Father's mercy." - and from a boat load of students out on the lake came the words, "From His lighthouse ever more." Back and forth over

the water the song was carried - and with the lighted cross between us. At the close of the song Dr. Albrecht asked those who would re-consecrate themselves to God to take their faggot, give their word of witness, and place their symbol of love and devotion on the fire. One by one the members of the group came to the center by the campfire. A native boy from Jesse Lee Home said, "I want to serve God. I will always try to do so. I want to tell you tonight that I want to be a preacher." One girl stepped forward and said, "I want you to know that I have been a Christian for a long time, and I come here tonight to say that I will strive to be a better one." I want to lead others to know Christ." Out from the reddened shadows a girl made her way, and as she reached the fire she picked up her faggot. In a clear, understanding voice she said, "I want you to know that I am accepting Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour." This was Bonnie's confession! She was saying to her friends that she was ready to live the Christian way. Several other young people took their faggots and placed them on the fire. Some gave testemonies, some silently told the group that they were part of the kingdom of God. Jeanne finally came. A thrill of joy ran through those who knew her story. Looking intently at her friends she said, "When I came here I didn't know anything about God, and I want you to know how much this week has meant to me. Tonight I accept Christ."

The evening devotions saw changed prayers, changed lives, changed societies. Together there had been an open testimony of the reality of the Christ.

"As often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show forth the Lord's death till He come." The elements of the Lord's Supper were taken from their improvised altar and were administered to those who knelt before the rough plank altar rail. Group after group came. Native and white friends joined in the fellowship of the memorial to their Lord. At the close of the service their voices blended in the words of their theme song:

"Follow, I will follow Thee my Lord,
Follow every passing day:
My tomorrows are all known to Thee,
Thou wilt guide me all the way."

R. R. Armstrong

Presbytery of Yukon | Presbyterian Church | Fairbanks, Alaska.

December-January.

Activity of all types seemed to characterize the Christmas season in the Fairbanks area. There is nothing unusual in a Christmas season of activity, but when cooperation seems to be the dominating vapor, the atmosphere is saturated with the real Christmas spirit. We have been astounded by the amount of work turned out by the people of the Fairbanks Presbyterian Church. Sunday School, Ladies Aid, Men's Club, and Christian Endeavors turned out en mass to provide the Church with one of the finest pieces of spirit seen here in many years. The leadership and responsibility was taken without a word of excuse from anyone.

The Christmas program reads like a midnight mass. It seemed that we were just cleaning up the last renments of the previous program as the people streamed in for the next event on the docket. From Sunday morning through Christmas eve the church was a bee hive. On Sunday morning we had a special program and sermon. This Christmas Sunday was futher enlivened by a 4:30 o'clock Vesper Service by the Choir. The Sunday evening service was conducted by the Young People's Senior-College C.E. Monday evening saw over 225 people here for the Church School Christmas Program and Pageant. Tuesday evening the Senior C.E. chartered a bus and toured the ~~xxxxxx~~ community. After visiting and singing to the older members of the church the young people returned to the church for a social hour and evening prayers. The church did not have a Christmas day program, but will in 1941.

The Vesper service of the Choir was an oustanding musical event in the city. No other church had such a service. The church was decorated in evergreens and these trees were decked with blue lights. The windows were illuminated by candles. The service was a compilation of hymns and anthems with appropriate scriptures read at periodic intervals. The attendance at this first attempt of a Vesper Service showed a marked appreciation for the work of our choir director and his associates. There were over 85 present at this afternoon service.

The pageant and program on Monday evening was very interesting. Under the general chairmanship of one of our Sunday School teachers, the program was worked out and executed with the greatest of precision. The children of the Chuchh School had songs and recetations. The Senior department of the school gave a pageant called "A Son Is Born." written and prepared by the pastor.

The Christmas season came to its climax with the evening program on Christmas Eve. Students from the University, High School, and members of the Ladd Field Air ~~Field~~ Base ushered in the Christmas with carols. These carols were sung while a bitter 24 below chill frosted those who sang. The young folk returned to the church to find hot drinks and lots to eat. Finally in the candle light that illuminated the tables the last of the familiar carols drifted out into silent prayer and thanksgiving for the friendship of the Christian life.

Sunday, January 5. The New Year's Sunday Service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Youel. Mr. Youel was requested to preach at the action of the Session and at the suggestion of the Pastor. Mr. Youel was preparing to leave for Nenna and later go to Wales, Alaska. January 13 th the Ladies Aid held a tea in honor of Mrs. Youel and gave her a present in token of good will.

A group of young people met at the church New Years Eve at the invitation of the Church School teachers. The period was divided into two parts; recreation (8:30-11:30) and worship (11:30-12:15). Between Christmas and New Years there was an epidemic of flu in the community to a tune of over 800 cases. This crushed the crowd at the New Year's party, but did not flatten their spirit. A number of adults came to the worship service and added much to the spirit of the service.

The Men's Fellowship Club took up its new year program with a report on the basement project and a speech by Dr. H. Hall on "Plastics and Dentestry." The group plans to meet once a month for the remainder of the year instead of every two weeks. Mr. M. Johnson ~~xxxx~~ will speak next month on "Making One's Will." Mr. Johnson is a lawyer.

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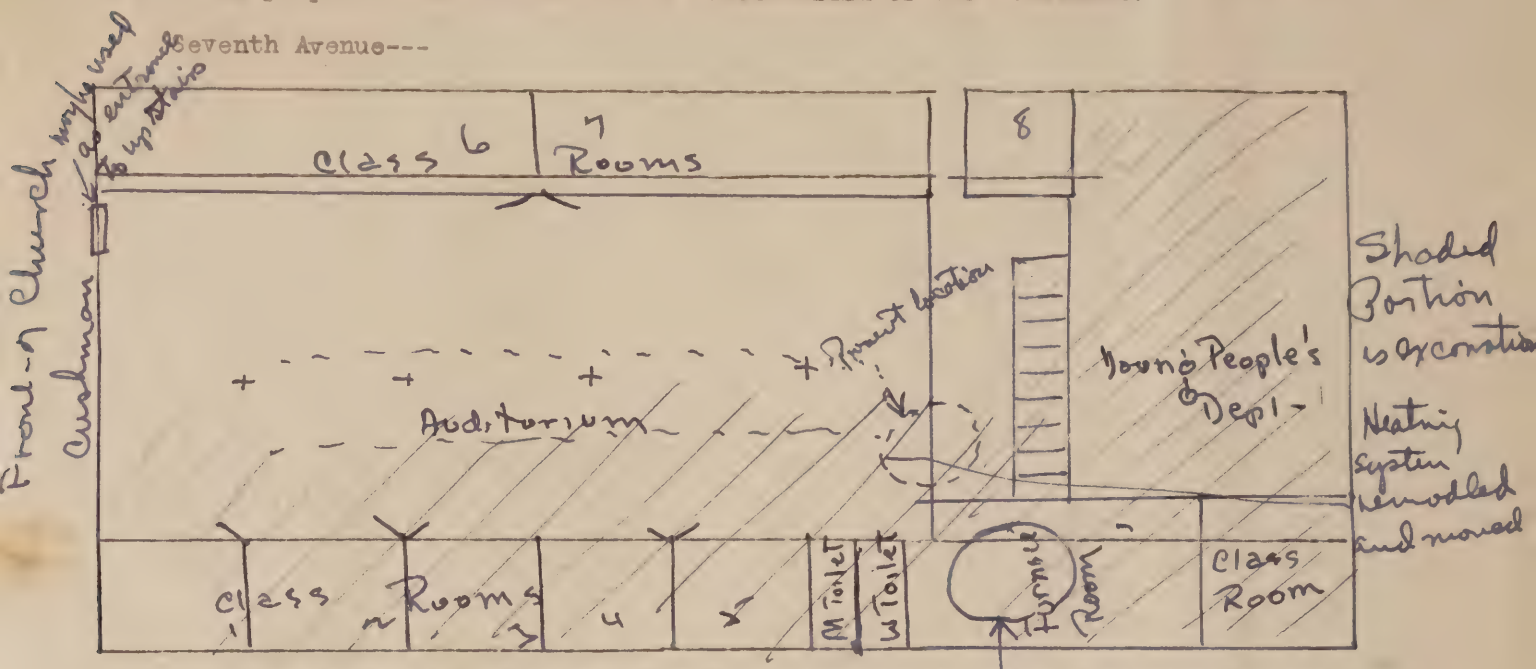
Over $330.000 has been contributed toward the basement project. Not one cent has been solicited for this work. Every contribution has come from the direct interest of all the people in the church in the construction of the basement.



GENERAL PLAN OF BASEMENT OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA.

Miss Emma Stauffer arrived here Friday night, January 10, 1941 on her way to the States. Miss Stauffer was given a real taste of Fairbanks hospitality and work. She spoke Sunday morning to the Church School, Sunday Evening to an audience of 65. Monday evening she was invited out to dinner with the pastor and his wife, and this was followed by attending a young People's party that was being given to some boys who are going back to "America". On Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 the Bethany Bible Class (Mrs. Armstrong is teacher) tendered a tea for Miss Stauffer. Representatives of various churches attended the gathering to meet and hear Miss Stauffer. Miss Stauffer left from Fairbanks for Anchorage by Lavery Airways.

Two extra church functions have been preformed by the Pastor. "The Farthexest North American Rotary Club" included me in their list of charter members. This is a distinctive and appreciated gesture by the business men of the town. In a community this size this fosters relationships between the church and business that is necessary. The Chamber of Commerce also apointed me on a committee to look into the matter of establishing down town headquarters for the men of the Air Base. As these community functions fall to the pastor he will try to fill the need and do it to the glory of Christ.

On Monday evening January 13 th. the Session and Trustees gathered for their regular monthly meeting. Elder J, M. Fearl conducted the meditation. The business before the group was the approval of the spring program, the every member canvass, and matters raised by the elders and trustees.

The enclosed program was approved. After discussion it was decided to have a full week of services during Holy Week. The Every member canvass was posponed till March 16th. because of the Fairbanks All Alaska Dog Derby and Ice Carnival. The Trustees authorized the buying of a reconditioned Royal typewriter for the study.

During the past months the offerings and finances in general have covered our present budget. Mr. Tonseth, the treasurer stated that the amount received was:

September.	$296.12
October	$279.98
November	$210.19
December	$329.14

All this is in addition to receipts from the Ladies Aid and individuals for the basement project. These have totaled ~~xxxxxxx~~ $200.00.

The finances of the Sunday School show a marked improvement. The Sunday School voted $50.00 to the church treasury to be used as the officials thought best. This healthy advance in finances seemes to indicate an improved feeling toward the entire program of the church.

During the monththe trustees authorized the installation of a pump and auxillary tank for the Manse. This equipment will eventually supply the Church with water. The install - ation of this system will overcome dry toilets that are now being ussd in the church.

Prpposed Program for
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
January 26 - June 8 1941.

January 26 - "Youth Sunday" ~~either in charge of Sunday~~
A.M. ~~school or~~ the Council of Christian Education.

"Hymns of All Churches". a program of song
P.M. under the direction of the choir.

January will be used as month to enlist donations from those who were not toughed by every member canvass.

Feburary 2.- Report of General Assembly by Elder E. Tonseth.
A.M. Suggested theme - "How Big is Your World; How Big is Your Church."

P.M. Sermon by Pastor (return from Presbytery)

February 6 SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING.
Thursday Under general direction and publicity of Council of Christian Education. Three sessions to school.(Feb. 6,13,20.)

February 9. Lincoln Sunday.

February 13 Second session of "SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING."

February 23 Washington Birthday Sunday.

February 20 Third session of "School of Christian Living."

February 26 ASH WEDNESDAY.
Five following weeks special lenten services.

February 28 World Day of Prayer.
March 9 EVERY MEMBER CANCASS SUNDAY.
April 6 Palm Sunday.

April 7,8,9,10,11,12 Holy Week Services.

April 13 Easter Sunday.

May 11 Mother's Day.

May 25 Memorial Sunday

June 1 Children's Day.

Letter written 5/4/41 per [illegible]

Presbytery of Yukon

Report of the
First Presbyterian Church of
Fairbanks, Alaska.
R. Rolland Armstrong.

Report
Feb 15 -April 14.

Hospital, marriages, baptisms, banquets, and radio. This only summarizes some of the months' activities. Above all the thrilling portion of the ministry is the preaching of the Word of God. When I realize the years of preparation never did I realize how many lambent situations characterized the pastorate.

I am grateful for this experience of ministering through an organized parish. The associations and situations are challenging and demanding. Through this work I begin to see some of the pastor's problems which for three years I would not see. The tolerance which I hope will be created will be of definite service later on.

During this period of days involved in this report we have had two more meetings of the "Mr. & Mrs. Club." This group of young married people seem to have found a new meeting place in the church. They seem to look forward to being able to come into the church and find a measure of social relaxation. Through this group we have been able to baptize ine of the children, and accept two men into the church. The whole experience is worth while if it breaks down lines of resistance and gets the younger families into the church.

An every member canvass committee met during the month of March. The group was made up of leaders from the different departments of the church. We followed in main the suggestions in the booklet "Financing the Church." The outcome of the discussion was an earnest effort on the part of the men and women to call volenteers to help enlist church and associated members toward definite support.

The proposed budget for the Church for the 1941-42 program demands the raising of $3,158.00. It will be noted that there is a marked increase ober the other years due to the increased activity within the church.

On March 2nd, 9th., and 16th. "five minute" men wnet into action on the needs of the church. Following the last speech the congregation was asked to sign pledge cards. If pledges were not made the committee warned that there would be not escape from helping the cause for every member would be asked to help. During that afternoon of March 16 the appeal was carried into the homes of the parish by groups of workers.

The moring service saw the congregation raise ober half of the proposed budget. Through the afternoon workers in groups of two sifted in and out of the church. Results were tabulated throughout the afternoon and returns at the end of the day saw over $2,325.00 raised toward the above mentioned obligation.

In addition to the budget the trustees tool action to raise $450.00 of the existing $950.00 debt on the church. With this debt cut down they will be able to launch into other projects, but the trustees do not feel that nay other work should be done by them until this matter is taken care of. Action will be taken on the budget and business pertaining thereto on May 18th.

On Thursday evenings, March 20,27 and April 3rd. members of the congregation responded to three "Seminars on Faith and Life". These meetings were designed to stimulate thinking among the group. Number one seminar was on the subject

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"I Discover My Bible". Three lay leaders discussed the subject before it was thrown open for discussion. Following the meeting hostesses conducted a social hour in Young Memorial Hall for the group. The discussion continued in this informal fashion.

The second seminar followed the same proceedure with the subject of "What Must Our Church Preach and Teach." The last seminar discussed "How to Maintain a Steady Spiritual Life for Today."

The Holy week services of April 7-11 followed the theme of "Moments with the Cross." The subjects were "The Despised Cross", "The Cross a Stumbling Block", "The Power of the Cross", "The Price of the Cross" and the Good Friday service "The Story of the Cross." For our first attempt at such services we had wonderful success. The attendance was not large, but the spirit manifested itself in co-operation. Fridau evening's communion will be remembered as the outstanding event of the church year. Eighty folk gathered to participate in this service. The meditation was centered around the da Vinci picture "The Last Supper." With dimmed lights the service proceeded into the communion and the closing worship. There was a great spiritual uplift throughout the entire service.

An element of the Good Friday service not to be minimized was the baptism of two of our Junior High School girls and the admission of a young man into the fellowship of the church.

The Easter services were well attended. A close count showed an attendance of 450 for the day. The sunrise service at 6:30 was under the sponsorship of the Church School (see enclosed program) Boys and girls and grown people came to celebrate the early morning spirit of the holy day.

At the regular morning service at 11:00 two hundred and sixty people crowded into the pews and corners of the aditorium and side rooms in an effort to worship. With seasonal show they came, but to our suprise we noted that the vast majority of folk in the audience had been seen worshiping in the church during the year.

The Vesper Musical Service was a quiet, beautiful and impressive service under the direction and care of the choir. One hundred came to this 4:30 service to hear the seasonal music characterized by Stainer and other favorite composers.

The entire day was heightened by a clear spring day.

We are glad to report that we hear that the Ester Sunday School has been meeting and that they habe been having about 25 at their Sunday School.

Report of
Presbytery of Yukon R.Rolland Armstrong Fairbanks, Alaska.

February 16, 1941.

January 22 nd. saw the Alaska Steamx train jolt its way out of the Fairbanks depot as it prepared to windx toward the coast.Down the rail belt we went on our way past Nenana and McKinley Park until we arrived at Currey. Currey is an overnigh stop. The Alaska Railroad knows that they will not be able to deliver any passangers if they do not give them a change to recover gradually. The evening saw some thirty people assembeled in the loby of the hotel viewing scenes of Alaska. These pictures were taken by one of the travelers.

The morning saw us on our way toward Matanuska and then to Anchorage. At Matanuska we took on Rev. B. J. Bingle and at Anchorage Rev. Boyd Gubbage. Arriving in Seward, our port of departure for Cordova, we supped before contacting our friends of the Methodist Church, The Rev. Mr. Torbit, Methodist Superintendent, and Mr. Newton, principle of the Jesse Lee Home.

At the meeting of United Protestant Conference, held around a dinner table, in one of Sewards resturants, we discussed the possible future of the King's Lake Conference in relationship to the Conference of the United Protestant Youth Conference. It was proposed to raise money to build cabins on the camping grounds in sufficient quantities to house the entire conference. Plans were also discusses as th the possible funds needed to build an adequate recreation hall.

From the discussion of the leaders it was determined to wire to Dr. Albrecht of Palmer, asking that the camp director's board be reorganized to allow a representative number of churchmen on the board of directore. This was requested in view of the support proposed by the Conference along lines of financial aid. Later on it was learned that the members of the board said that any investment of the Conference would be covered by the word of the directors. The present set-up would continue and we would have to accept their assurance that all ~~xxxxxx~~ investments would be protected. The result wa that as a Presbytery we definitely refused to take any action that would bring funds from our respective parishes that would be placed into permanent equiptment for the King's Lake Camp Inc. directors.

The trip from Seward took us into Crab Bay, Valdez, and on to Cordova. We were met at the boat by Rev. David Crawford. Mr. Bingle staped over in town with Mr. & Mrs. Vance propritors of the Northern Hotel, while Mr. Gubbage and myself stayed with the Crawfords.

The social events of the next few days read like an ambassador's trip to a foreign assignment. Suey, clam, chicken, and more suey dinners were part of the diet. Trips around the town and a speeder journey to mile seven on the old Copper River Rail Road furnished some activity for the breathern.

Presbytery convened and accepted a tentative docket which became more tentative than we had anticipated when we found th t there would be no boat due in Cordova till Saturday evening February 1 st.

Sunday morning January 26 I taught the Young People's Class and in the evening Mr. Bingle preached for the evening service. The schedule for the week was as follows:

Tuesday Installation of Mr. Crawford.
Wednesday -Ladie's Aid Banquet fromPresbytery.

On Friday January 31 I received a Telegram from Katherine ~~xxxxx~~ in answer to mine telling her to prepare for a Sunday evening service which I had not anticipated. The telegram read in part "SUNDAY PROGRAM BE AS YOU PLANNED. LAST WEEKS SERVICES ALL FINE. ORDERED COAL. FORTY TWO BELOW SUNDAY NIGHT..MISSING YOU DON'T WORRY- LOVE."

The regular Presbytery work was drawn to a close as we prepared to embark on Saturday night, February 1st. On board we found that court had conveined at Cordova and had dismissed. The boat was loaded with folks on their way back to Seward, Valdez and the islands. Immediately we want into a huddle to determine how upon arrival we might coral a room at one of the town's three and one half hotels. We found as we made our way about the boat that some had wired for reservations, but not us - not on Presbytery funds. Four thirty Sunday afternoon found Burt Bingle on deck one and yours truly on the second deck."Dash for the nearest phone",came the orders from Bingle,"if the gang plank hits your deck call the Van Gilder, and tell them Bingle says to reserve space for three preachers." I got the gang plank and down I want to get a phone message that was a bomb-shell - "You'll have to come up. We will not make reservations from the pier." Away I want toward a hotel that I knew nothing about and passed Bingle about the third mud puddle from the railroad station. Navigating through the slush and snow we planted ourselves infront of the desk with Burt gasping "We'r the preachers who called." We got the room and setteled down for a few minutes before we returned to Cubbage to report our success.

The stop over this Sunday evening in Seward was worth while because of the trip to the Jesse Lee Home. Here we met Mr. & Mrs. Newton and had an opportunity to meet some of the native children who were in conference during the summer. I had a rare priviledge in being able to speak to the students in the Sunday night chapel.

The following is from some notes I entered in my Year Book under Monday,February 3:

10 A.M. Left Seward 7:45 A.M. Region of Girdwood we had snow slide on track. Track runner was ahead of train b two minutes and was unable to get over drift to us to flag train. The engine was burried over the smoke stack. The report is that the rotery is at Curry and that the plow behind us will pull us back to switch and then try to get through.

2 P.M. Engines broke cuplings and brought one back to put steam in cars. The slides have piled up back of us and another has come down on the engine that was on our train. Reports are that 25 feet on engine. Additional slides have fallen at 70-71-78 miles and that we are also cut off from Seward. The women and children are being bunked in shack and a crew car has pulled in with some food.

7 P.M. Women and children have gone in to eat. Sanwiches passed out this afternoon (at .15¢) did not reach us and we opened couple cans of crab, and can of grapefruit. Some haven't had anything since this morning. Coffe was served to all. Had two cups - strong! There goes some more enamel!

9 P.M. Women and children in bunks - Folks taking backs of seats and converting coach into Pullman,

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1:45 P.M. Had good night's sleep. Place looked like old fashioned bundeling party. Pancakes,bacon, egg and coffee for breakfast. Started a few minutes ago for Anchorage.

After a delay at Curray on the morning of the 5th. we arrived in Fairbanks about 9:30 at night. Presbytery in Alaska is something worth writing home about.

Services have been well attended during the past few Sundays. Sickness has been common and many have been afraid to take the children into crowds.

Youth Sunday was observed on the 26th. under the direction of the Council of Christian Education. The Sunday evening of the 26th. the Choir gave a program entitled "Hymns of All Churches". Sunday February 22nd, E.A.Tonseth talked on his trip to General Assembly and Sunday evening Elder Pearl read one of Butterick's sermons from "Parables of the New Testament."

The Men's Club met on Feb. 13th. and the Session on Feb. 10th.

As ever the Armstrong's rejoice in the opportunity of service here in Fairbanks, and glory in the attitude of the people as they are facing the challenge of the comming year.

From the minutes of the Council of Christian Education:

"Mr. Armstrong spoke about the Every Member Canvass Committee for the 1941-42 Budget, naming as members,

Mr. Nerland, representing the Trustees, Chairman.
Mr. Tonseth, " " Session.
Mrs. Hopkins " " Ladies Aid (also Deacons)
Mr. Standfield, " " Council of Christian Education.

"Mr. Koschman moved that the Council of Christian Education composed of members representing the Ladies Aid, Sunday School, the Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor, the Musical Department and the Congregation, recommend that the Trustees incorporate the $800.00 formerly received from the Board of the National Missions into the 1941-42 budget. Seconded by Mrs. Eberhardt. Motion carried."

In addition to this an incident at the last session meeting was heartening. The question came to the group for discussion as to the repair of the Mansd and the work needing to be done on the church property. I said that I understood that Dr. King had made some suggestion as to help from the Board's end of things. Immideately I was stirred to feel that there was a feeling of resentment that we shouls any longer think of accepting help from the Board along these lines. The gr up see ed to feel that in painting the church and looking forward to the installation of a stoker in the furnace (after it is moved to the rear of the church) belonged to the trustees. The feeling of confidence was futher supported by the statements of two of the ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ session members that they were planning to make definite or enlarged contributions to the church organization.

March 5, 1941

AIRMAIL

Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong
Fairbanks
Alaska

Dear Army:

I need to have a fresh appraisal of our work in Fairbanks. Will you, therefore, carefully and thoughtfully prepare me such an appraisal and send it to me immediately? In order to help you give me the information that I want, I am suggesting the following items:

1. State the population of your community, giving the white and native population. Give a brief description of the community.

2. Name the other churches or religious forces that are serving in your community, giving the strength of these forces.

3. Describe our church property. Who holds the title? Give the cost of construction and the actual value. State the condition of repair.

4. Describe your church program. Give the membership and attendance at worship service, Sunday School, young people's organization and midweek service.

5. In your opinion what is the future for our church in your community? Give reasons for your opinion.

Cordially yours,

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